

# JASPER COUNTY, INDIANA

## *Highlights*



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## Introduction

The first edition of the County Highlights was published in 1993. Lillian Miles, then Labor Market Analyst for the Gary Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area, originated the idea for this descriptive area publication.

Highlights are now a web publication and, as a result, the data can be updated throughout the year, not just on an annual basis. These Highlights are available in easy-to-use web format but are also printable and e-mailable and provide a snapshot of critical population and workforce statistics for each of Indiana’s 92 counties, 11 Economic Growth Regions, and the State of Indiana.

Each Highlights includes an overview of the demographics and workforce of an area, from its population to the size of its labor force and the industry mix of jobs and wages.

Don’t hesitate to contact your regional analyst if you need further information about your area.



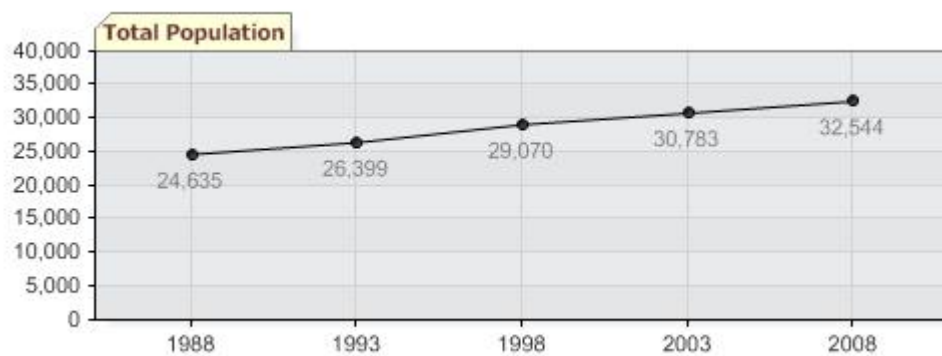
## Location

Jasper County is located in Northwest Indiana. The county is bordered on the south by Benton and White Counties. The County is adjacent to Starke and Pulaski Counties on the east, Lake and Porter Counties are to the north and Newton County to the west. Jasper County is one of the seven counties located in the area designated by the Indiana Department of Workforce Development as Indiana Economic Growth Region 1.

## Population

A region's economy thrives or dives because of the people who choose to live there. That choice may occur by being born there and desiring to stay, or a more deliberate one of choosing to relocate from somewhere else. Monitoring change in the size and movement of population is an important barometer of well-being. Some of us monitor these changes as an insect might gauge the shifting sands while most don't pay much attention. But the barometer is a good metaphor for population change since it can presage more notable events, such as lackluster business attraction due to lack of workers.

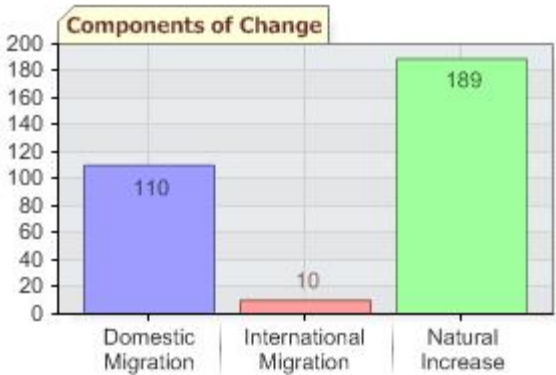
Population Over Time					
	1988	1993	1998	2003	2008
Total Population	24,635	26,399	29,070	30,783	32,544
Change Since 1988		1,764	4,435	6,148	7,909
Pct. Change Since 1988		7.2%	18.0%	25.0%	32.1%



Source: US Census Bureau

### Components of Population Change 2007 to 2008

	Number
Net Domestic Migration	110
International Migration	10
Natural Increase (births minus deaths)	189
Births	469
Deaths	280



Source: US Census Bureau

### Population Estimates by Age in 2007

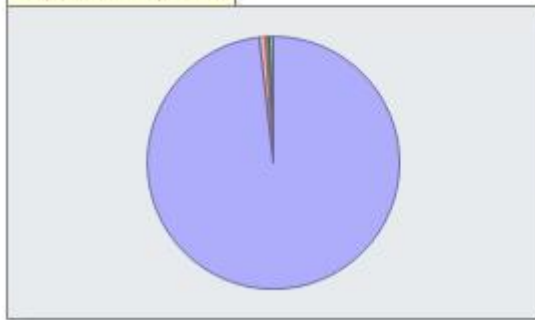
	Number	Pct. Dist
Preschool	2,219	6.9%
School Age	5,900	18.3%
College Age	3,203	9.9%
Young Adult	8,704	27.0%
Older Adult	7,929	24.6%
Older (65 plus)	4,320	13.4%

Source: US Census Bureau

### Population Estimates by Race and Hispanic Origin in 2007

	Number	Pct. Dist
American Ind. or Alaskan Native Alone	58	0.2%
Asian Alone	102	0.3%
Black Alone	243	0.8%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pac. Isl. Alone	0	0.0%
White Alone	31,691	98.4%
Two or More Race Groups	181	0.6%

Population by Race



98.35 %	White
0.75 %	Black
0.18 %	Am. Ind or Alaskan Native
0.32 %	Asian
0.00 %	Hawaiian and Pac. Isl
0.56 %	Two or More

## Hispanic or Latino

Non-Hispanic or Latino	31,026	96.3%
Hispanic or Latino	1,249	3.9%

Source: US Census Bureau

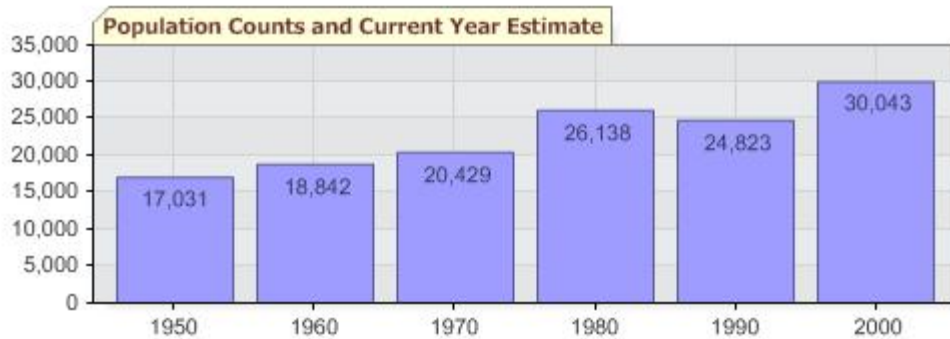
## Households in 2000

	Number	Pct. Dist
<b>Total Households</b>	10,686	100.0%
Family Households	8,213	76.9%
Married with Children	3,189	29.8%
Married without Children	3,803	35.6%
Single Parents	702	6.6%
Other	519	4.9%
Non-family Households	2,473	23.1%
Living Alone	2,130	19.9%
<b>Average Household Size</b>	2.82	
<b>Average Family Household Size</b>	3.67	

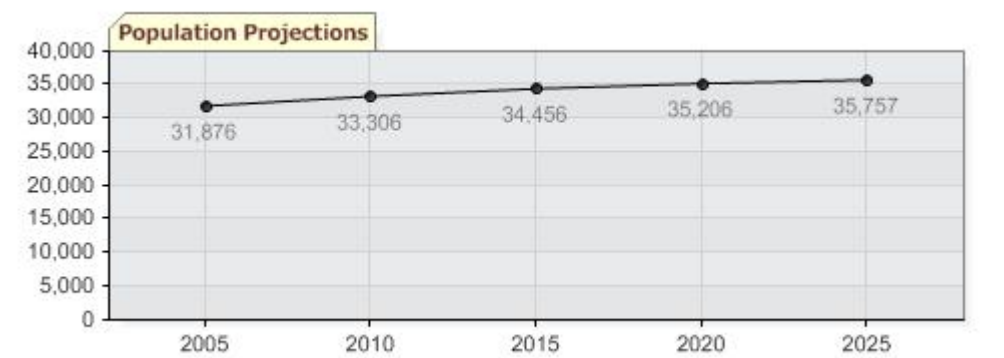
Source: US Census Bureau

## Population Counts by Decade and Current Year Estimate

	Population	Numerical Chg.	Pct. Chg.
1950	17,031	NA	NA
1960	18,842	1,811	10.6%
1970	20,429	1,587	8.4%
1980	26,138	5,709	27.9%
1990	24,823	-1,315	-5.0%
April 2000	30,043	5,220	21.0%
2007	N/A	N/A	N/A



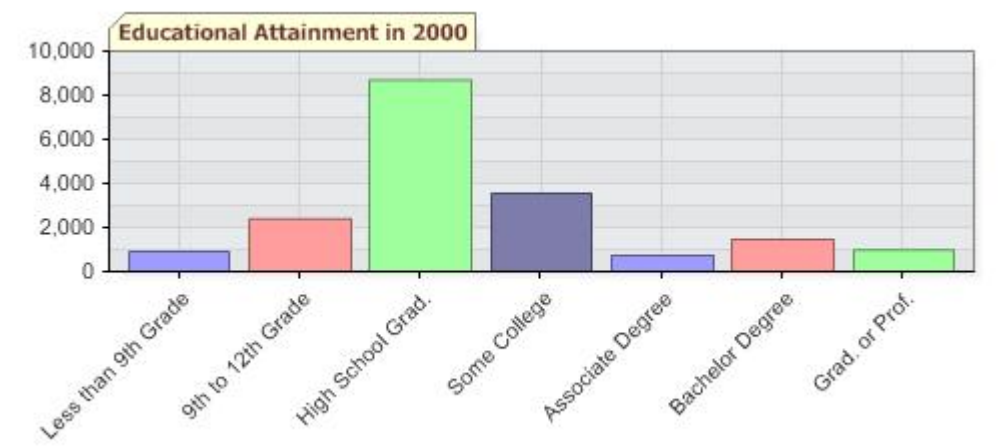
Population Projections					
	2005	2010	2015	2020	2025
Population Projections	31,876	33,306	34,456	35,206	35,757
Change Since 2005		1,430	2,580	3,330	3,881
Pct. Change Since 2005		4.5%	8.1%	10.4%	12.2%



## Education

The level of education of our workforce is a critical factor for economic and community development. It often provides insight into the skill levels of a local area. The metrics provided here focus on the attainment of degrees and high school graduates' higher education intent. The type of work (occupations) residents perform can also assist in understanding skill levels.

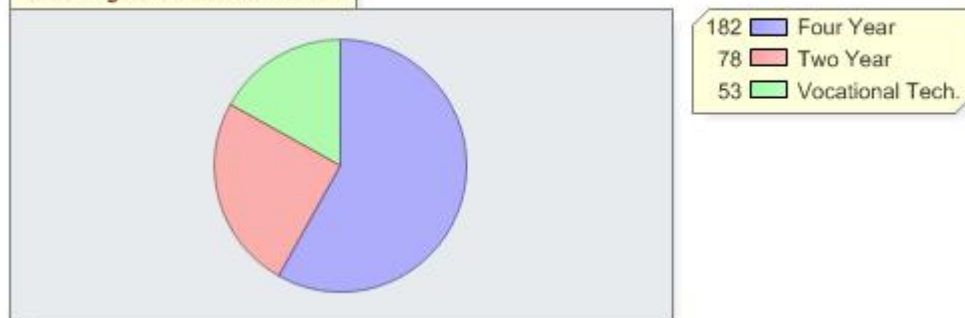
Educational Attainment				
	1970	1980	1990	2000
Total Population 25 and Older	10,071	13,878	14,984	18,751
Less than 9th Grade	3,087	2,410	1,390	909
9th to 12th, No Diploma	1,870	2,543	2,278	2,394
High School Graduate (incl. equiv.)	3,827	6,278	7,256	8,704
Some College, No Degree			1,834	3,565
Associate Degree			601	742
Bachelors Degree			841	1,459
Graduate or Professional Degree			784	978



## High School Graduates Going on to Higher Education

	2004	2005	2006	2007
<b>Total Graduates</b>	322	293	282	382
<b>Total to Higher Education</b>	246	243	246	313
<b>Four-Year Institution</b>	179	173	156	182
<b>Two-Year Institution</b>	50	45	58	78
<b>Vocational/Tech.</b>	17	25	32	53
<b>Military</b>	6	11	5	9

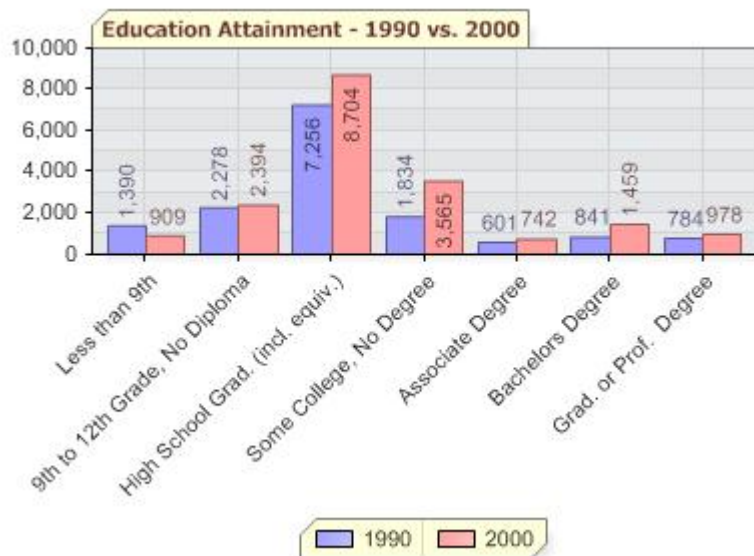
2007 Higher Education Intent



Source: Indiana Department of Education

## Educational Attainment in 1990 and 2000

	1990	Pct. of Pop. 25+	2000	Pct. of Pop. 25+
<b>Total Population 25+</b>	14,984	100.0%	18,751	100.0%
Less than 9th Grade	1,390	9.3%	909	4.8%
9th to 12th Grade, No Diploma	2,278	15.2%	2,394	12.8%
High School Graduate (incl. equivalency)	7,256	48.4%	8,704	46.4%
Some College, No Degree	1,834	12.2%	3,565	19.0%
Associate Degree	601	4.0%	742	4.0%
Bachelors Degree	841	5.6%	1,459	7.8%
Graduate or Professional Degree	784	5.2%	978	5.2%



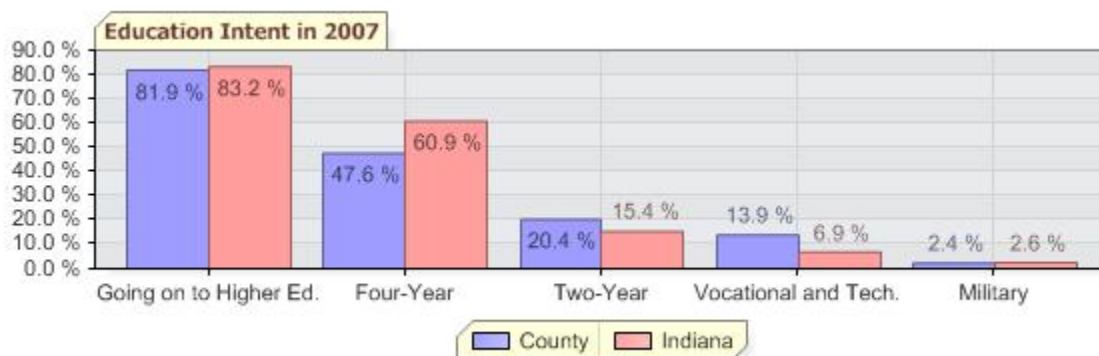
Source: U.S. Census Bureau

## High School Graduates Higher Education Intent

	2007 Pct. Dist.	Indiana Pct. Dist.



<b>Graduates</b>	100.0%	100.0%
Total Going on to Higher Education	81.9%	83.2%
Four-Year Institution	47.6%	60.9%
Two-Year Institution	20.4%	15.4%
Vocational and Tech.	13.9%	6.9%
Military	2.4%	2.6%



Source: Indiana Department of Education

## Commuting

In Indiana, most workers commute to a job, either within their home county or beyond. Patterns of commuting are significant in showing the labor supply. The county *labor force* represents workers who reside in the county no matter where they work. Two types of commuting patterns are provided here - the Census 2000 *benchmark* and the annual data tabulated from state income tax returns that can help provide a more current view.

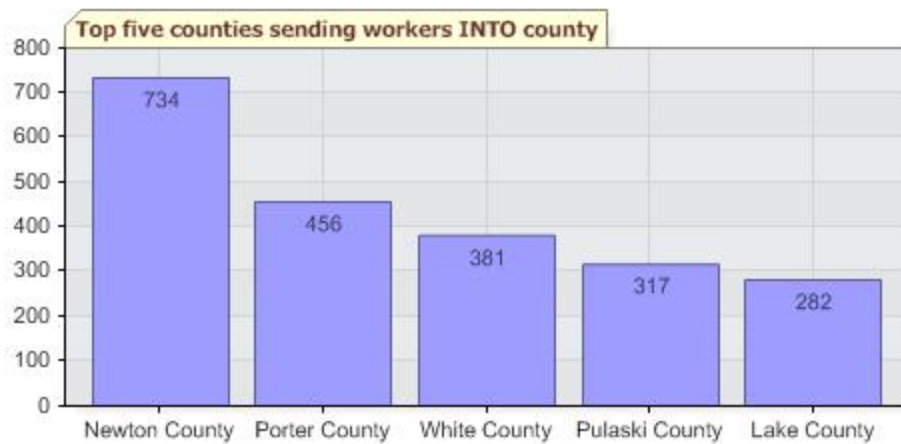
### Commuting Data, 2007

	Number
Number of tax filers who live in county and work	21,918
Number of tax filers who work in the county	18,681
Number of tax filers who live in county and work in county	15,522
Number of tax filers who live out of the county and work in county	3,159

Source: Indiana Department of Revenue

### Commuting Patterns: Top five counties sending workers INTO county, 2007

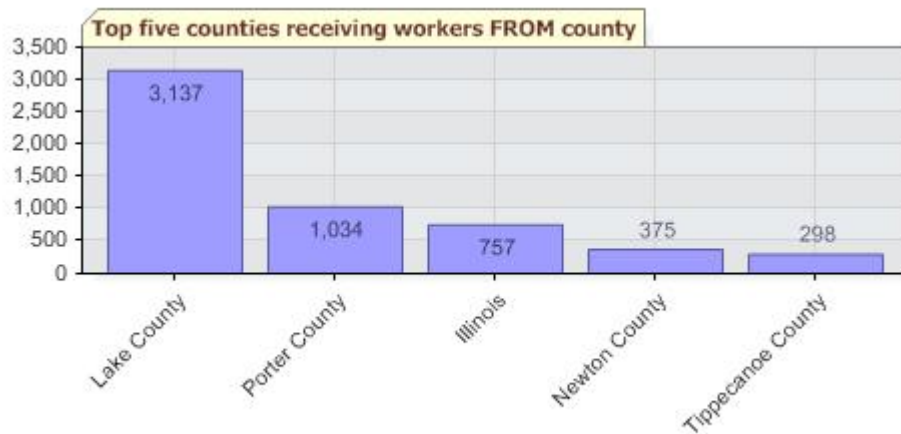
County	Number	Pct. Five County Total
Newton County	734	35.4%
Porter County	456	22.0%
White County	381	18.4%
Pulaski County	317	15.3%
Lake County	282	13.4%



Source: Indiana Department of Revenue

### Commuting Patterns: Top five counties receiving workers FROM county, 2007

County	Number	Pct. Five County Total
Lake County	3,137	56.0%
Porter County	1,034	18.5%
Illinois	757	13.5%
Newton County	375	6.7%
Tippecanoe County	298	5.3%



Source: Indiana Department of Revenue

### Travel To Work in 2000

	Number	Pct. Dist
<b>Total Workers Age 16 and Over</b>	13,614	100.0%
Travel To Work	13,123	96.4%
Car, Truck, or Van	12,484	91.7%
Traveled Alone	11,120	81.7%
Carpooled	1,364	10.0%
Used Public Transportation	42	0.3%
Motorcycle, Bicycle, Walked, Other	597	4.4%
Worked At Home	491	3.6%
<b>Average Travel Time (Minutes)</b>	27.3	
<b>Average Travel Time using Public Transportation (Minutes)</b>	56.0	

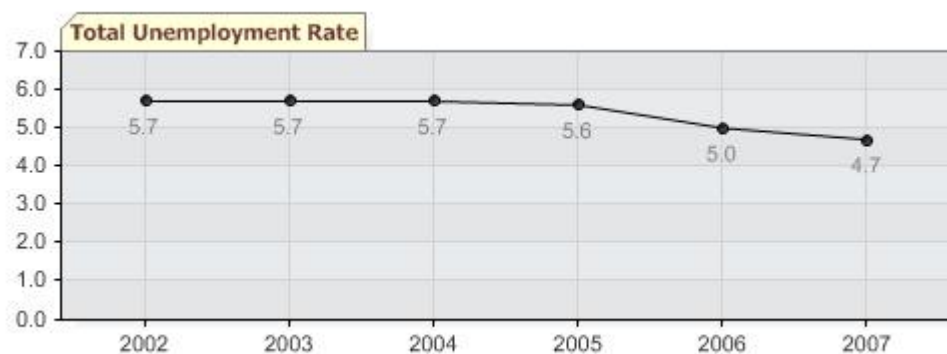


# Labor Force

An area's labor force provides insight on the availability factor and is residence-based - that is, the people are working or seeking work and reside in the particular county or region.

## Annual Labor Force Estimates in 2007

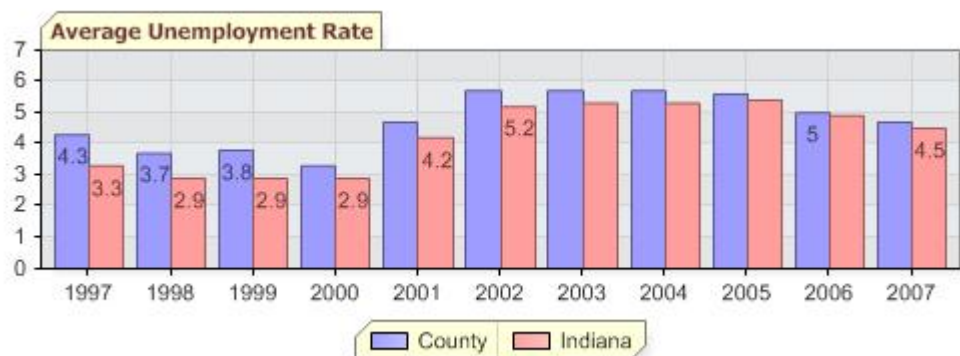
	Number	Pct. Chg. from 2000
<b>Labor Force</b>	15,575	5.4%
<b>Employed</b>	14,838	3.8%
<b>Unemployed</b>	737	52.0%
<b>Rate</b>	4.7	42.4%



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

## Labor Force Estimates

	Labor Force	Emp.	Unemp.	Cnty. Rate	State Rate
<b>1997</b>	14,468	13,852	616	4.3	3.3
<b>1998</b>	14,278	13,753	525	3.7	2.9
<b>1999</b>	14,575	14,017	558	3.8	2.9
<b>2000</b>	14,782	14,297	485	3.3	2.9
<b>2001</b>	14,979	14,271	708	4.7	4.2
<b>2002</b>	15,017	14,166	851	5.7	5.2
<b>2003</b>	15,020	14,166	854	5.7	5.3
<b>2004</b>	15,047	14,189	858	5.7	5.3
<b>2005</b>	15,198	14,349	849	5.6	5.4
<b>2006</b>	15,486	14,710	776	5.0	4.9
<b>2007</b>	15,575	14,838	737	4.7	4.5



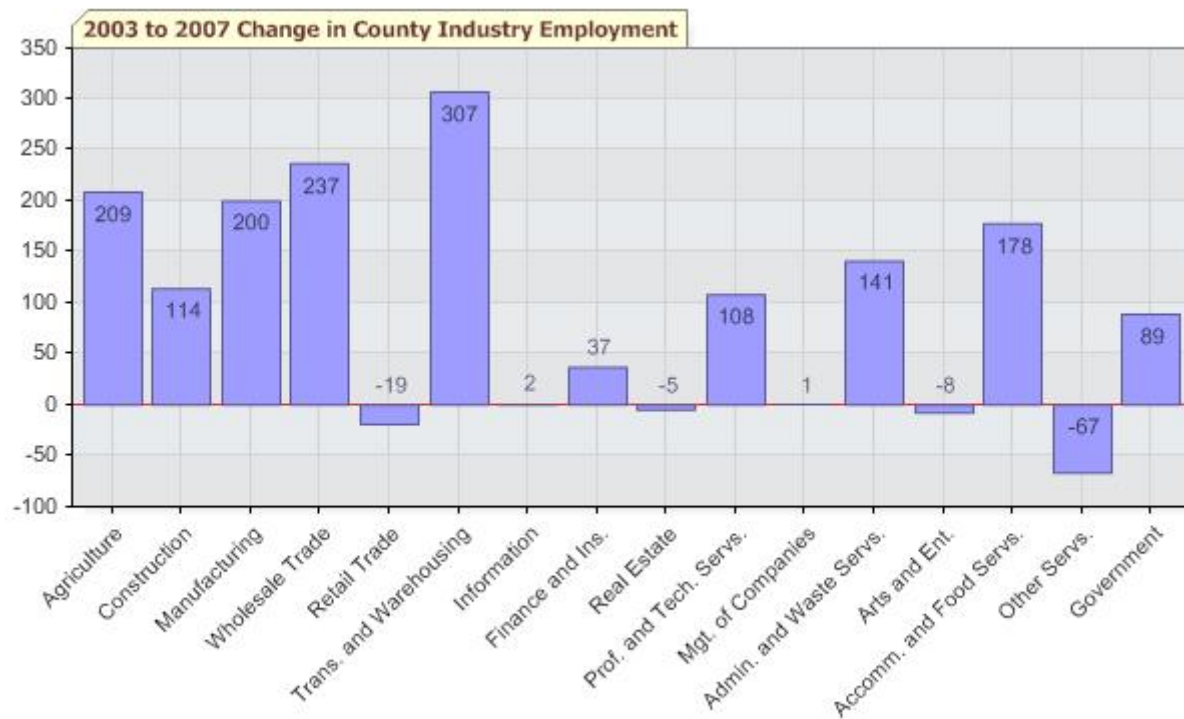
Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

# Employment

Industry employment is tabulated as jobs by place-of-work. Keep in mind that people may hold multiple jobs and that each job is counted by its industry.

## Average Employment by Sector

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Change 2003-2007	% Change 2003-2007
<b>Total Employment</b>	10,630	11,573	11,839	12,186	12,508	1,878	17.67%
<b>Total Private Employment</b>	8,765	9,665	9,897	10,267	10,554	1,789	20.41%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Hunt	508	599	652	695	717	209	41.14%
Mining	D	D	D	D	D	N/A	N/A
Construction	922	995	1,014	1,066	1,036	114	12.36%
Manufacturing	1,398	1,345	1,489	1,580	1,598	200	14.31%
Wholesale Trade	210	219	220	231	447	237	112.86%
Retail Trade	1,423	1,431	1,473	1,469	1,404	-19	-1.34%
Transport. and Warehousing	484	1,014	887	786	791	307	63.43%
Utilities	D	D	D	D	D	N/A	N/A
Information	109	128	127	117	111	2	1.83%
Finance and Insurance	269	275	282	296	306	37	13.75%
Real Estate, Rental, Leasing	68	63	65	66	63	-5	-7.35%
Professional and Tech. Servs.	830	838	811	906	938	108	13.01%
Mgmt. of Companies	49	48	48	46	50	1	2.04%
Admin. and Waste Services	166	203	295	291	307	141	84.94%
Educational Services	D	291	297	276	306	N/A	N/A
Health Care and Social Assistance	613	663	709	894	928	N/A	N/A
Arts, Entertain., and Recreation	52	55	57	56	44	-8	-15.38%
Accommodation and Food Service	884	989	977	1,020	1,062	178	20.14%
Other Services	214	208	188	167	147	-67	-31.31%
<b>Federal, State, &amp; Local Govt.</b>	1,865	1,908	1,942	1,919	1,954	89	4.77%

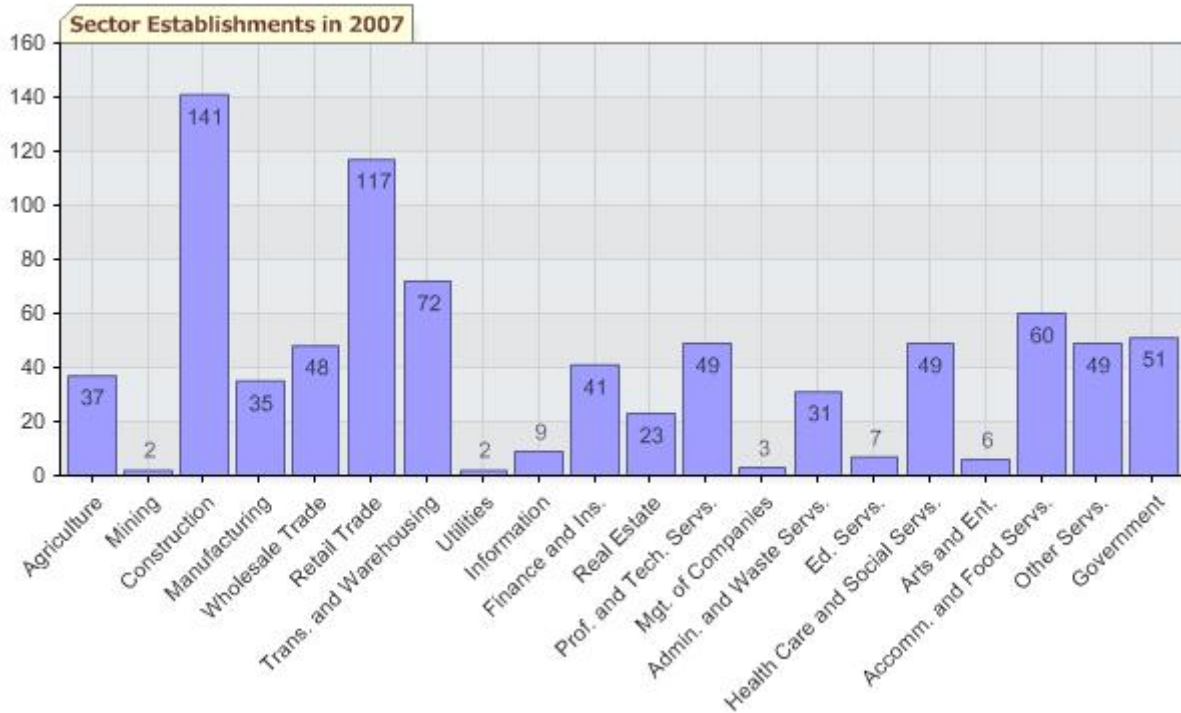


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## Establishments by Sector

Change % Change

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2003-2007	2003-2007
<b>Total Establishments</b>	781	797	804	828	831	50	6.40%
<b>Total Private Establishments</b>	731	748	755	777	780	49	6.70%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Hunt	32	34	34	37	37	5	15.63%
Mining	D	D	D	D	D	N/A	N/A
Construction	135	133	137	144	141	6	4.44%
Manufacturing	38	37	37	36	35	-3	-7.89%
Wholesale Trade	44	43	44	45	48	4	9.09%
Retail Trade	119	120	123	121	117	-2	-1.68%
Transport. and Warehousing	66	72	69	71	72	6	9.09%
Utilities	D	D	D	D	D	N/A	N/A
Information	7	8	8	8	9	2	28.57%
Finance and Insurance	34	33	34	38	41	7	20.59%
Real Estate, Rental, Leasing	23	23	20	23	23	0	0.00%
Professional and Tech. Servs.	42	46	49	51	49	7	16.67%
Mgmt. of Companies	3	3	4	3	3	0	0.00%
Admin. and Waste Services	27	26	26	29	31	4	14.81%
Educational Services	D	8	9	7	7	N/A	N/A
Health Care and Social Assistance	42	40	41	45	49	7	16.67%
Arts, Entertain., and Recreation	8	9	7	6	6	-2	-25.00%
Accommodation and Food Service	52	56	59	59	60	8	15.38%
Other Services	53	54	51	50	49	-4	-7.55%
<b>Federal, State, &amp; Local Govt.</b>	50	49	49	51	51	1	2.00%



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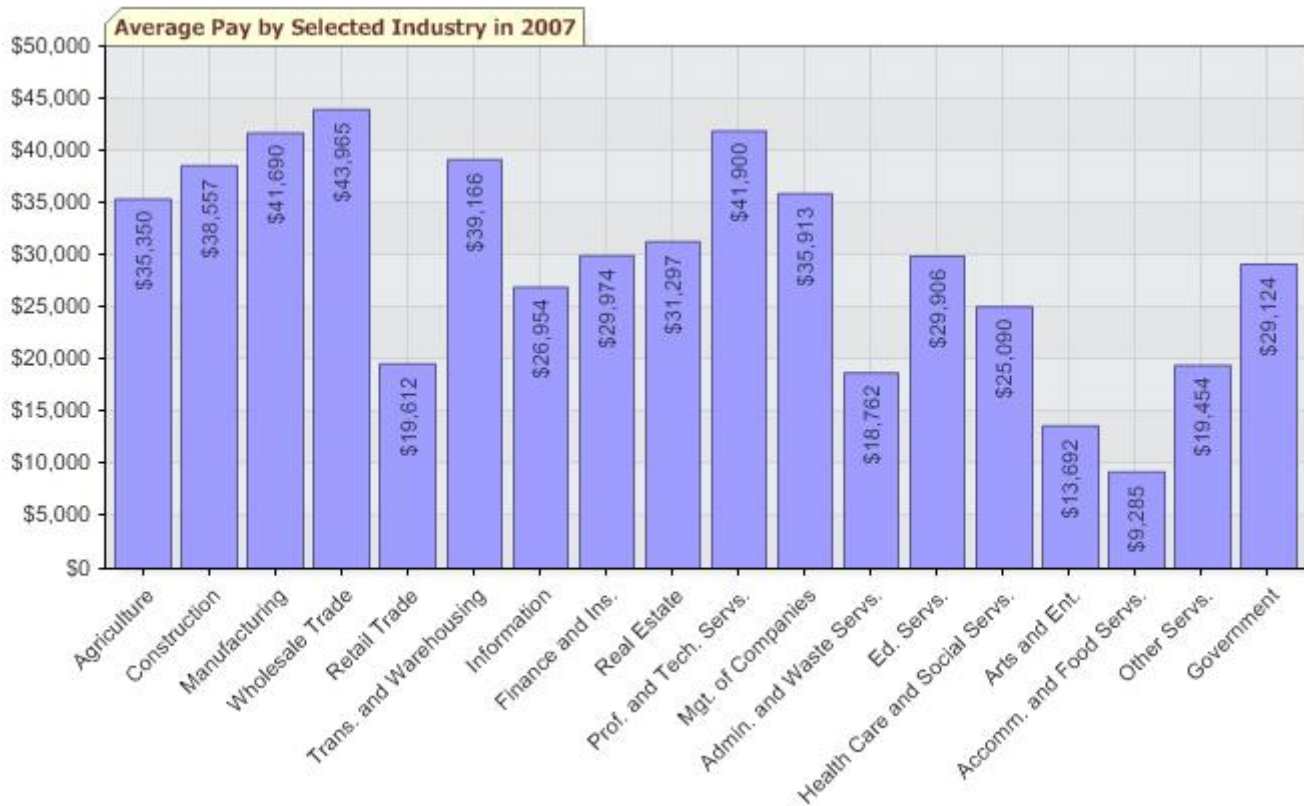
## Earnings and Income

Industry employment is tabulated as jobs by place-of-work. Keep in mind that people may hold multiple jobs and that each job is counted by its industry. Note: The income figures and changes are not adjusted for inflation.

### Average Annual Earnings by Industry

Change	% Change	Indiana	% of
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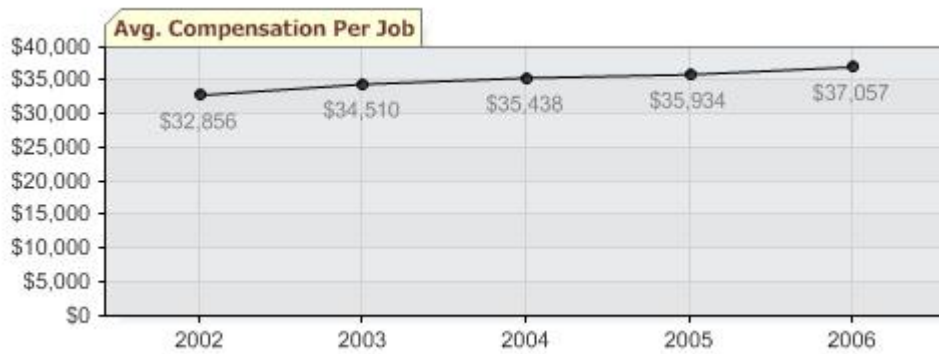
	2003	2007	2003-2007	2003-2007	2007	State
All Industries	\$28,528	\$31,595	\$3,067	10.8%	\$37,530	84.2%
Ag., For., Fishing, & Hunt.	\$31,738	\$35,350	\$3,611	11.4%	\$28,008	126.2%
Mining	D	D	N/A	N/A	\$57,315	N/A
Construction	\$35,621	\$38,557	\$2,937	8.2%	\$44,754	86.2%
Manufacturing	\$38,483	\$41,690	\$3,206	8.3%	\$51,148	81.5%
Wholesale Trade	\$36,390	\$43,965	\$7,575	20.8%	\$51,432	85.5%
Retail Trade	\$17,813	\$19,612	\$1,799	10.1%	\$22,581	86.8%
Trans. & Warehousing	\$33,994	\$39,166	\$5,172	15.2%	\$38,012	103.0%
Utilities	D	D	N/A	N/A	\$68,267	N/A
Information	\$22,416	\$26,954	\$4,538	20.2%	\$46,311	58.2%
Finance & Insurance	\$26,639	\$29,974	\$3,335	12.5%	\$52,649	56.9%
Real Est., Rent., Leasing	\$24,856	\$31,297	\$6,441	25.9%	\$32,614	96.0%
Prof. & Tech. Svcs.	\$38,907	\$41,900	\$2,994	7.7%	\$51,451	81.4%
Mgt.of Companies	\$35,007	\$35,913	\$907	2.6%	\$72,682	49.4%
Admin. & Waste Svcs.	\$18,495	\$18,762	\$267	1.4%	\$24,934	75.2%
Education Svcs.	D	\$29,906	N/A	N/A	\$31,029	96.4%
Health Care & Social Assist.	\$22,023	\$25,090	\$3,067	13.9%	\$37,706	66.5%
Arts, Ent. & Rec.	\$9,711	\$13,692	\$3,981	41.0%	\$29,251	46.8%
Accom. & Food Svcs.	\$8,792	\$9,285	\$494	5.6%	\$12,442	74.6%
Other Svcs.	\$16,343	\$19,454	\$3,111	19.0%	\$24,862	78.2%
Fed.I, State & Local Govt.	\$26,934	\$29,124	\$2,190	8.1%	\$37,054	78.6%



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### Average Compensation Per Job Over Time

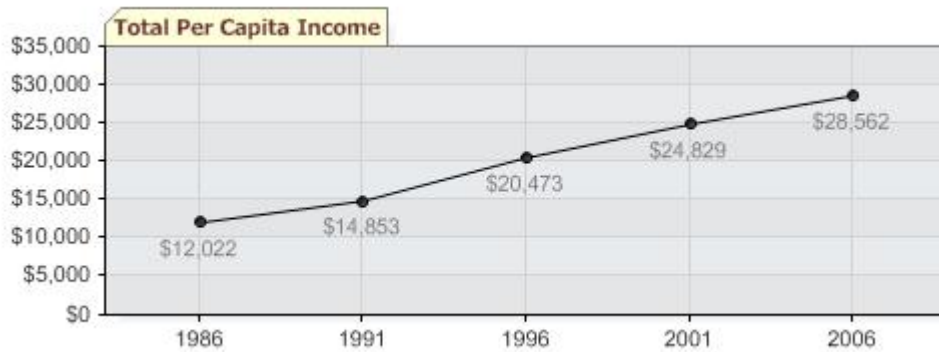
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
<b>Avg. Compensation per Job</b>	\$32,856	\$34,510	\$35,438	\$35,934	\$37,057
<b>Change Since 2002</b>		\$1,654	\$2,582	\$3,078	\$4,201
<b>Pct. Change Since 2002</b>		5.0%	7.9%	9.4%	12.8%



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

## Per Capita Income Over Time

	1986	1991	1996	2001	2006
<b>Total Per Capita Income</b>	\$12,022	\$14,853	\$20,473	\$24,829	\$28,562
<b>Change Since 1986</b>		\$2,831	\$8,451	\$12,807	\$16,540
<b>Pct. Change Since 1986</b>		23.5%	70.3%	106.5%	137.6%



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

## Income & Wage

	Number
<b>Median family income in 2007 (ACS)</b>	N/A
<b>Median household income in 2007 (ACS)</b>	N/A
<b>Average Wage Per Job in 2007 (BLS)</b>	\$31,593
<b>Wage Growth since 1997 (BLS)</b>	37.5%

Source: US Census Bureau & Bureau of Labor Statistics

# Firms and Employment by Size

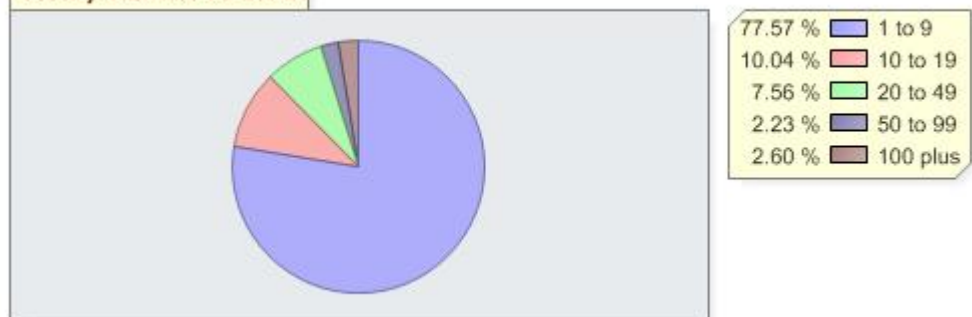
Firm data are available for most counties by the size of the firms and average employment by business unit size.

## County Business Patterns, 2006

	Establishments	Number Chg. 01 to 06	Pct.Chg. 01 to 06	Pct. of Total
<b>1-9 employees</b>	626	20	3.3%	77.6%
<b>10-19 employees</b>	81	-4	-4.7%	10.0%
<b>20-49 employees</b>	61	15	32.6%	7.6%

50-99 employees	18	-7	-28.0%	2.2%
100 plus employees	21	3	16.7%	2.6%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>807</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>3.5%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**County Business Patterns**

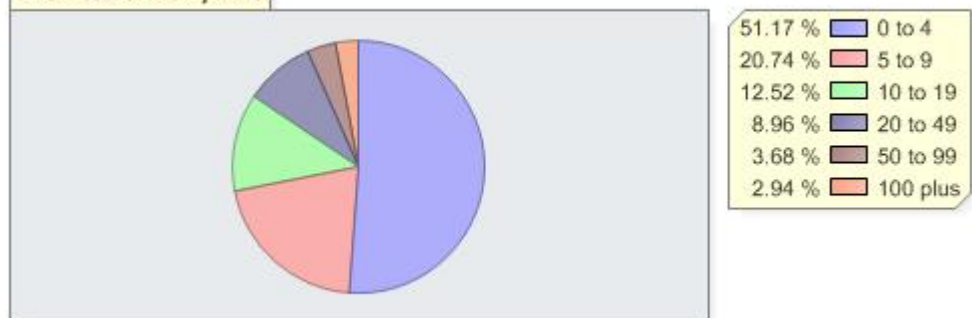


Source: U.S. Census Bureau

### Firms by Size, 2008:3

	Number of Business Units, 2008:2	Pct. of Total
0 to 4 employees	417	51.2%
5 to 9 employees	169	20.7%
10 to 19 employees	102	12.5%
20 to 49 employees	73	9.0%
50 to 99 employees	30	3.7%
100 plus employees	24	2.9%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>815</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**Business Units by Size**

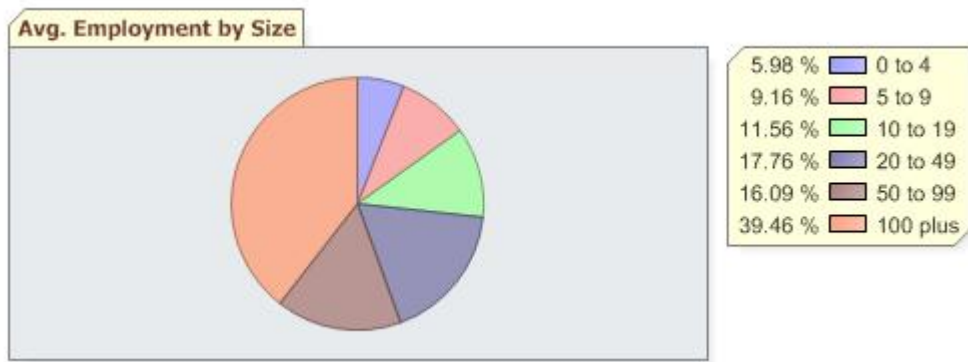


Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Covered Employment; Note: Business Units with zero employees and Federal Government Employees are included.

### Avg. Employment by Business Unit Size, 2008:3

	Avg. Employment, 2008:2	Pct. of Total
0 to 4 employees	746	6.0%
5 to 9 employees	1,142	9.2%
10 to 19 employees	1,441	11.6%
20 to 49 employees	2,214	17.8%
50 to 99 employees	2,006	16.1%
100 plus employees	4,920	39.5%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12,469</b>	<b>100.0%</b>





Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Covered Employment; Note: Business Units with zero employees and Federal Government Employees are included.